

*At the Havana Beach Club*

## Soul Beach Music Festival 2009 was breathtaking!



Photo by Julia Renfro

ORANJESTAD – Jamie Foxx severely rocked Aruba's soul on Saturday night as he entertained thousands of fans with his amazing voice and unique ability to keep everyone with ear to ear smiles filled with love and laughter.

These past three evenings were times to be out as Jamie Foxx, Robin Thicke, Estelle, Common, Wayne Brady & Etana entertained us all weekend long.

Most everyone leaves today and tomorrow, but not without the fabulous memories of the great Soul Beach Music Festival Nights on Aruba.

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Aruban Artist Recognized by Royalty

# Gilbert Senchi puts San Nicolas on the world map

Aruban Embassy in Holland to unveil Aruban sculpture



Sustainable economic growth requires a balance. Presented to HSH Crown Prince Willem Alexander of the Netherlands, as the founder of the World Water Conservation Foundation. Also present for the ceremonies were Prime Minister Nelson Oduber, First Lady of Aruba Glenda Oduber and Princess Maxima (left).

SAN NICOLAS / THE HAGUE – The “Aruba House” in Holland will soon unveil a sculpture made by Aruban Artist Gilbert Senchi entitled “San Nicolas”. Last year, Senchi and two other prominent local artists Elvis Lopez and Glenda Heyliger were invited to participate in the prestigious ARTI ET AMICITIAE who presented “ArtiAruba”, an art exhibition held in Amsterdam, Holland from August 30th till October 19th 2008.

With a successful opening evening last year inaugurated by Minister Frido Croes,

the event was attended by Dutch celebrities and Aruban personalities. Gilbert Senchi presented his signature industrial installations at the entrance of the building a 3 piece 2 ton oil valve installations. Senchi’s works have sent a very strong message to the world from the small island town of San Nicolas. Born and raised in the “Oil Town” San Nicolas, Senchi has the unique ability and personal perspective to explain the importance of sustainable economic growth that requires an environmental balance.

Senchi is a Contemporary Artist



First Lady Glenda Oduber, Artist Gilbert Senchi, Prime Minister of Aruba Nelson Oduber at Gilbert’s exhibition on board of a cruise ship.



“The real winner in sports is the world peace” commissioned by Sovereign Prince of Monaco Albert II. This presentation at the Divi Resorts was for the opening of the Laureus Sports for Good Foundation Benelux. H.S.H Albert of Monaco signing “Victory” by Gilbert Senchi.

and one of Aruba’s gifted writers and intellectuals. He graduated with honors in international finance in Massachusetts and later continued law school at the University of Aruba. In 2000,

he was a founding member of SINFA (Sint Nicolaas Foundation for the Arts); in 2003 he was the director of the South End Art Gallery, in 2006 Senchi founded the Kunsthuis



Prince P. Cristiaan van Vollehoven (left) is pictured together with Artist Gilbert Senchi (right), and Curator Elvis Lopez (back).

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Productivity Lane Oil Paint on Steel, stainless steel by Gilbert Senchi.

Foundation. In 2008, he founded the Mar Azul Contemporary Art Gallery which recently hosted an exhibition from children with Autism and learning disabilities. He has participated and directed numerous exhibitions promoting the Contemporary Visual Arts on Aruba.

Arti et Amicitiae is an art society founded in 1836 and established in an historic building on the famous Rokin street of Amsterdam, where Gilbert Senchi’s installations will be on permanent display outside the building. □

At the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa

# Important Seminar sponsored by The Wilhelmina Cancer Fund



PALM BEACH – A major seminar unfolded Saturday in the Grand Caribbean Ballroom outlining prevention, diagnosis and the treatment of stomach cancer.

A number of local doctors and specialists addressed a large audience of healthcare workers sharing the latest in research, from anatomy to diet and support groups.

Pictured here, the interested and engaged audience, attending the important seminar. □

## You are invited to ISA Science Fair 2009

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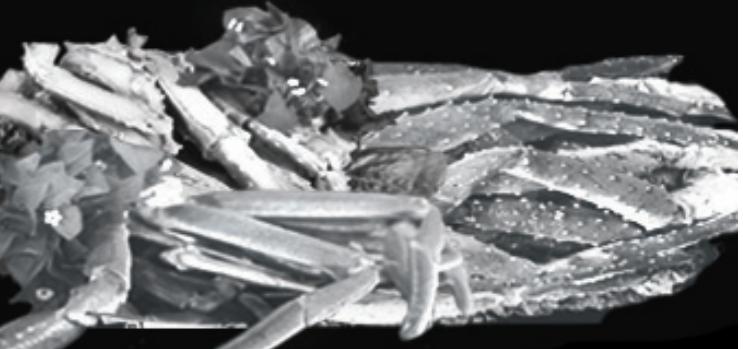
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# Edjean delivers a delightful concert



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best.

The singer was backed up by an excellent band as her entertained an elegant and appreciative audience in the Grand Ballroom. □



Palm beach -- The Aruba Wine, Food & Art Festival 2009, at the Westin Aruba Resort culminated on Saturday night with a great concert by Edjean Semeleer, singing a classic tribute to Frank Sinatra including Strangers in the Night, My way, New York, New York, Fly me to the moon, As time goes by, Cheek to cheek, I won't dance, Come fly with me, Somewhere Beyond the Sea, Deep in a



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## ECO DMS appreciates a ten year career milestone



ORANJESTAD -- Glenda Henricus recently celebrated her 10th year anniversary with ECO DMS.

Glenda, says President & CEO Wichita Villacres has been a pillar of strength, an injection of energy and a fountain of knowledge

in the past 10 years, in her role as Director of Operations at ECO DMS. Blessed with an unusual capacity to recall details, her incredible memory is often very helpful; it helps the ECO DMS ARUBA team to summon up information long gone,

regarding all clients, every situation, all hotels and each executive, who ever came in contact with Aruba's biggest destination management company.

Most importantly, Glenda is eager to not only meet, but always exceed clients' expectations, and she inspires the operations team, and stretches them over their limits, encouraging them to deliver stellar programs and events every time.

Glenda's loyalty to ECO DMS ARUBA for the past 10 years can be measured in absolute terms, Wichita states.

The company, Eco Destination Management Services of Aruba recently hosted an intimate office-party at Musa Café di Artista on Caya Betic Croes, in honor of Glenda. The party was attended by

Ruben Mannes and Magali Meza who represented company President & CEO Wichita Villacres, traveling on business.

Glenda received a handsome engraved plaque, and all of her important contributions

to the company were acknowledged via a heartfelt pat on her back, and hugs from her peers.

Pictured here, the get together at Musa Café di Artista, over snacks and drinks. □



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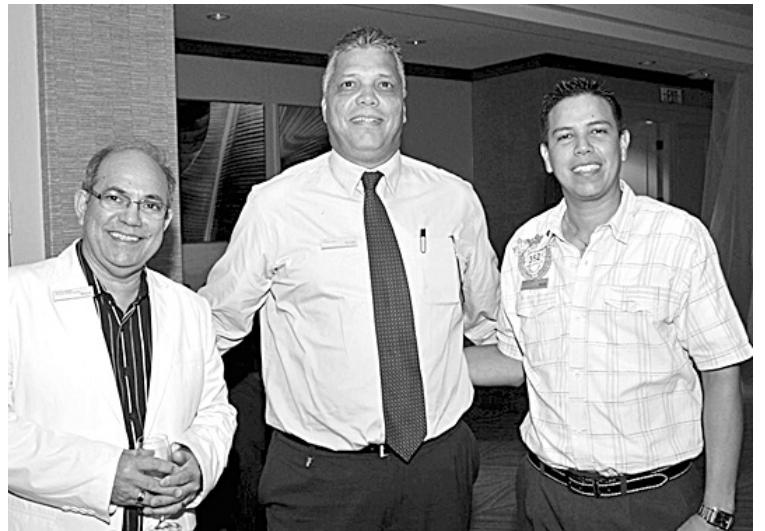
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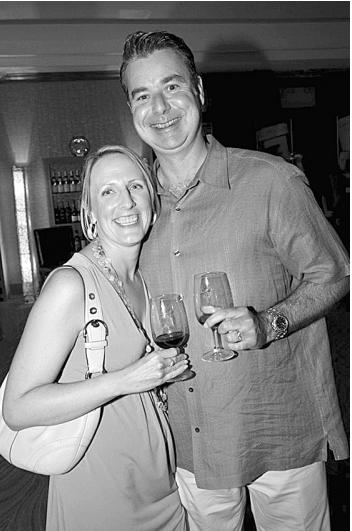
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At the Westin Aruba Resort

# Memorable Food & Wine Pairing



PALM BEACH -- The annual Aruba Wine, Food & Art Festival in its fifth edition attracted many locals and tourists to the second evening's event in the Grand Ballroom of the Westin Aruba Resort.



The island's fine wine importers: the Aruba Trading Company, Pepia Est, Romar Trading, Playa Liquor, Licores Aruba, and Arion Wine Company, set up beautiful display booths allowing their

wine educators to truly inform and entertain guests tasting the delicious wines made by more than 60 wineries from around the world. Each of the tastings set ups was paired with a food station



manned by the students of the Aruba Culinary School under the guidance of the Westin's culinary team with Executive Chef Gerard Coste in the lead. The students and their mentors came up with original recipes,



and also participate for the first time, in a student competition where Daphne Willems and her classmates placed second for the traditional Bacalau tasting and Cindy Monsalve and her team landed top honors for her

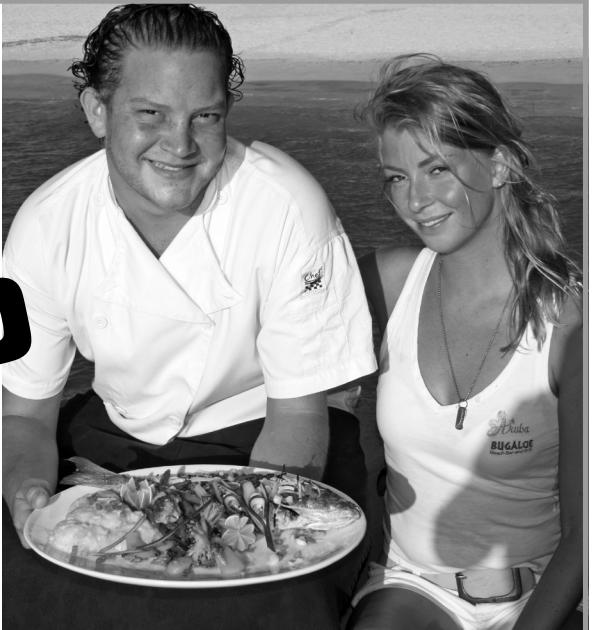


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# in the Grand Ballroom



stuffed Korobuto pork dish. Special mentions also went to the other participating teams who did an excellent job at their food stations, Derrick Falcone, Edymar Tromp & Eldrick Franken.

The much-anticipated Wine & Food Pairing Exhibition was open to the general public and featured some surprises: Romar Trading set up a classroom section where wine expert Clive Faustin led

entertaining mass tastings of the Romar portfolio, and Pepia Est who set up a complete trendy lounge in honor of the world premier of Voga, a new Italian Pinot Grigio & Merlot, marketed in exceptionally



innovative bottles. USA and food purveyors: Caribbean Overseas NV and Frasa NV, Aruba's Chefs, the US Poultry Federation, the US Meat Export Federation, and the Buckhead Beef Company. Pictured here happy patrons attending the Wine, Food & Art Festival 2009. Photos by Julia Renfro



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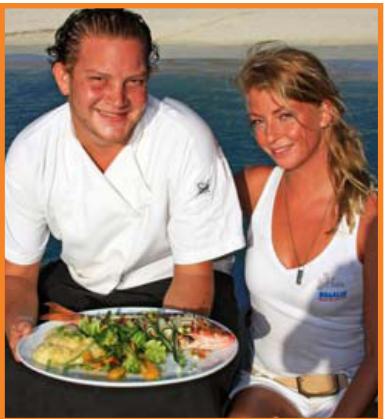
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of exquisite fish, yellow rice and rich vegetables," Chef Marc says. With a smile he adds "And that just for US\$ 20!"

And right he is, as the platter has been a hit from the start. Served with a bottle of white wine this fish feast is truly a delight on your Monday night.

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# Soul Beach Music Festival Fans enjoy Aruba's hospitality



ORANJESTAD - The 2009 Soul Beach Music Festival was the most electrifying music

festival event. The 2009 Soul Beach Music Festival kicked off last week in Aruba's sun-

kissed paradise, with five-days of power-packed events. Soul Music Lovers from around the world took part in amped-up nightclubs, sizzling beach parties and music concerts. The 2009 Soul Beach Music Festival was more spectacular than ever!!!!

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*At Café the Plaza*

## Santosa holds a Cheerleading & Street Dancing exhibition



ORANJESTAD – As part of the weekend activities surrounding the Pole Sitting competition at the Plaza Café, Santosa Health Club held a Cheerleading & Street Dancing exhibition under the direction of Coach Jennifer Aldridge.

The kids, in two different age groups, gave two high-energy performances which were much enjoyed, both on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, helping keep the pole sitters awake and entertained.



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## Pepia Est teaches about wine



ORANJESTAD – Pepia Est, Aruba's most dynamic wine purveyor conducted a series of wine tasting events during the Aruba Wine, Food & Art

Festival 2009, aptly titled "US Vs France, you be the judge." The events took place at the Pepia Est headquarters in Eagle and at the Westin Aruba

Resort and were conducted and facilitated by Larry Nocera, C.W.E., Certified Wine Educator, Director Caribbean & Cruises for Kobrand Corp.



Those who signed up enjoyed sampling the delicious wines of Foley Estates, Cakebread Cellars, St. Francis Winery & Vineyards, Benziger Family Winery, Louis Jadot, Château Mont-Redon and Michel Redde et Fils Winery, □

comparing the distinguished wines in a blind tasting and learning to differentiate French and California styles. Pictured here Larry, assisted by Rambert and Serge of Pepia Est and their attentive students. □



# Amazonia Churrascaria helps celebrate Brandon's first communion



PALM BEACH -- Brandon Croes experienced his first holy communion on Saturday at a communal ceremony at Santa Anna church in Noord.



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## Voga arrives just in time for the Aruba Wine & Food Festival



PALM BEACH – Pepia Est, local importer of fine wines created a fantastic lounge set up in the Grand Ballroom of the Westin Aruba Resort during the 5th annual Aruba Wine, Food & Art Festival. The trendy lounge was set up in honor of the Aruba premier of Voga, a new Italian Pinot Grigio & Merlot, marketed in exceptionally innovative bottles.

Voga is available in Pinot Grigio Sparkling, Pinot Grigio, Quattro and Merlot in a very unique bottle. The packaging of Voga catches the attention. It is a perfect cylinder, with a large vertical logo imprinted on the bottle. The bottle neck closure is a standard cork, under a plastic screw cap that matches the size of the bottle and makes it look even taller than it is. And the clear bottle shows off the golden Pinot Grigio, and the



ruby red Merlot.

The unusual Voga bottle, is testimony to Italy's leading product design expertise, and makes for a friendly wine in a friendly bottle, best of all it

can be easily resealed, enjoy a glass and stick the bottle back in the fridge with its cap on. Pictured here the Voga lounge celebrating the arrival of Voga, by Pepia Est. □



**BUSINESS****Aruba TODAY****Gore, others urge CEOs to back climate change deal**

Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore speaks at the World Business Summit on Climate Change at the Bella Center in Copenhagen, Denmark Sunday, May 24, 2009. During the three day summit, CEOs will discuss how their firms can help solve the climate crisis through innovative business models, new partnerships, and the development of low-carbon technologies.

(AP Photo/POLFOTO, Tariq Mikkel Khan)

By JOHN HEILPRIN,  
Associated Press Writer

COPENHAGEN — Climate-change heavyweights U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon and Nobel prize winner Al Gore urged more than 500 business leaders on Sunday to lend their corporate muscle to reaching a global deal on reducing greenhouse gases.

The CEOs of PepsiCo, Nestle, BP and other major world businesses began meeting in

Copenhagen, where politicians will gather in December to negotiate a new U.N.-brokered climate treaty.

Despite the global financial crisis, both Ban and Gore said there was no time for delay in hashing out the specifics of how to cut greenhouse gases that contribute to warming the planet.

"We have to do it this year. Not next year. This year," Gore said. "The clock is ticking,

because Mother Nature does not do bailouts."

The three-day World Business Summit on Climate Change is a precursor to the negotiations to determine what will succeed the Kyoto climate treaty that expires in 2012.

"Continuing to pour trillions of dollars into fossil-fuel subsidies is like investing in subprime real estate," Ban said. "Our carbon-based infrastructure is like a toxic asset that threatens the portfolio of global goods, from public health to food security." A new global warming treaty would build on the Kyoto treaty's mixed success in requiring that 37 industrialized nations reduce greenhouse gas emissions an average of 5 percent below 1990 levels by 2012.

Gore said any of the ambitious treaty goals being discussed will depend on CEOs working out greener ways of doing business and governments reigning in unrestricted pollution. "The business community and the leaders of the world must go together to safeguard the world," he told

a forum that even drew Queen Margrethe of Denmark.

Xie Zhenhua, vice chairman of China's national development and reform commission, pledged to play "a positive and a constructive" role to reach a global climate treaty, and already is putting in place its climate plan for 2015 and beyond.

"During negotiations, developed countries always hope that a future China may do much better and greater efforts on addressing climate change issues," he said.

Rajendra K. Pachauri, head of the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with Gore, said already "we are perhaps at the upper range" of predicted higher temperatures this century.

"We have a very short window of opportunity," he said. "If we want to limit temperature increase to about 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit), then emissions globally must peak by 2015." About 300 anti-globalization activists marched Sunday toward the convention, heavily guarded by police. Some 40 teenage activists were handcuffed with plastic

strips and detained after they were caught in woods nearby. The police removed two water pistols from one of them; another was carried away by three officers.

Erik Rasmussen, the conference organizer, said business leaders are mulling specific and binding targets for reducing greenhouse gases within 10 years and 20 years that would be announced at the end of the conference.

Anders Eldrup, CEO of Danish state-controlled oil and gas group DONG Energy, said businesses face a big choice.

"There are two tracks being discussed now, one a tax on CO<sub>2</sub> and a cap-and-trade," he said, leaning toward the carbon tax.

However, Connie Hedegaard, Denmark's climate minister, told The Associated Press the best solution is global limits on pollution blamed for global warming instead of a tax on carbon dioxide and other warming gases.

Hedegaard urged businesses to back such limits, called cap-and-trade, which require governments to issue pollution allowances, or permits, to businesses that could be traded. □

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# The French Steakhouse delivers an Ooh-La-La experience



EAGLE BEACH – The French Steakhouse at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa just added another charming dining option, a tropical outdoor courtyard, featuring delicious cuisine under the stars.

The famed French Steakhouse prides itself on the elegant dining experience it offers patrons in the fully air-conditioned dining room. Yet recently the idea of adding a garden spot to the existing blueprint began to sprout in the creative mind of Executive Chef George Hoek,

and he immediately recruited the landscapers to create the intimate, lovely setting.

The French Steakhouse Ooh-La-La menu is now served indoor and alfresco, featuring creative appetizers, soups, salads, seafood dishes, poultry and the Pièce de Résistance South American & USDA Beef specialties.

Among popular appetizers the chef's Tropical Crab Cakes with pineapple & mango salsa and the Teriyaki Glazed Seared Duck Breast, served with garden

greens and balsamic dressing are real crowd pleasers.

True to the restaurant's French roots, the Onion Soup is a classic, while the Honey Glazed Salmon Salad winks at the exotic East with a sweet soy dressing.

The menu features a great variety of seafood dishes from fresh fish to the totally sinful and amazingly-decadent Caribbean Stuffed Shrimp with Crabmeat and Bacon, which became an instant hit. The tequila and sweet chili glaze, lends the Jumbo shrimp a pure taste of heaven!

The French Steakhouse is naturally famous for the South American Churrasco steak, a signature preparation, which now shares the stage with juicy USDA beef specialties such as NY Sirloin and Filet Mignon. Light-eaters will find the Jerk Chicken Skewers and the Lemon Herb Broilers very



satisfying.

Open seven days a week from 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. the French Steakhouse is blessed with the nicest staff and a delightfully renovated dining room with sparkling China, crisp linen, an interesting bread basket, colossal desserts and live jazz on piano with Eddy Samson who is Aruba's best

entertainer, and a walking & breathing music encyclopedia, just whistle the tune, and Eddy will produce a symphonic version of your favorite song.

Hungry patrons will appreciate the Ambassador's 5-course menu featuring the run of the menu highlights for just \$34.95 per person. [www.manchebo.com/steakhouse](http://www.manchebo.com/steakhouse) □

## Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar reinvents Beach Cuisine



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Posing with Angelo the Italian maitre D' at Giorgio's, Mr and Mrs. Klaus, from Pennsylvania, 2nd time repeaters in Aruba at the Manchebo, the trip was a birthday present from him to her and since they are celebrating their 40th anniversary in November, they are already thinking about coming back, they enjoyed Menu Turistico and recommend it wholeheartedly! □

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Oranjestad - Geox Aruba enjoyed a warm reception as it opened at the Renaissance Mall in Oranjestad. The concept shoe store had shoppers knocking on its door even before completing the setup, they were asking to make purchases even before the store-sign was up. The popular Italian brand, enjoys a dedicated following in the USA and Europe, and now also in Aruba. The Geox genesis goes back to the '90s during a business trip to Reno Nevada to promote the family

wine business at a trade fair Italian businessman Mario Polegato decided to go for a hike in the mountains. Soon he became irritated by his overheating feet, baking inside his rubber-soled shoes, and in a flash of inspiration the 'shoes that breathe' were born as he punctured holes in the soles to let air in and excess heat escape. Polegato knew from the beginning that the idea would be revolutionary and that it would change the way people think about their shoes. Polegato went home

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A mother puts a face mask on her daughter as they visit Tiananmen Square in Beijing. Chinese health authorities on Sunday confirmed the country's eighth and ninth cases of swine flu, in a toddler and a 46-year-old man who had recently returned from the United States and Canada.

(AFP/Peter Parks)

## Woman in 50s is NY's 2nd swine flu death, US' 11th

By CRISTIAN SALAZAR,  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK – A woman died over the weekend of swine flu, becoming the city's second victim and the nation's 11th.

The woman, who was in her 50s, had other health conditions, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene spokeswoman Jessica Scaperotti said. No other information on her case was disclosed Sunday.

Assistant public school principal Mitchell Wiener, who died May 17, was the city's first death from the virus. The 55-year-old had been sick for several days.

There were 280 confirmed cases of swine flu in the city and 94 hospitalizations as of Sunday, Scaperotti said. The number of confirmed cases probably doesn't fully reflect the spread of the virus, given that health officials aren't testing everyone for the H1N1 strain.

"It's most likely that if you're sick with the flu, that you have the H1N1 virus," Scaperotti said.

Those people with chronic health conditions such as diabetes and compromised immune systems who are suffering from flu-like symptoms should seek medical advice, Scaperotti said. Only those with more serious

symptoms, such as shortness of breath, should go to emergency rooms, she said.

The health department recommended that physicians prescribe anti-flu drugs such as Tamiflu over the phone to patients with mild flu symptoms who have other health conditions. Scaperotti said that as the virus spreads "we are going to see more increases of severe illness." She said that each year more than 1,000 people die of seasonal flu in the city.

The city's first outbreak of swine flu occurred about a month ago, when more than 1,000 teenagers at a Catholic high school in Queens began falling ill following the return of several students from vacations in Mexico, where the virus was first detected.

The virus has coursed through the city's schools and even reached its jail system, where inmates' visiting hours have been limited and hand sanitizer passed around. On Thursday, correction officials said they would sanitize a 2,600-inmate jail on Rikers Island.

The World Health Organization, as of Friday, had tallied more than 12,000 swine flu cases worldwide, with more than half of them in the United States. It counted at least 86 deaths, with 75 of those in Mexico.

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## Search focuses on Calif., Mexico for mom, sick son



This May 13, 2009 photo shows Colleen Hauser, left, her son Daniel Hauser, center, and Susan Daya at the Hauser's farm in Sleepy Eye, Minn. A crime alert issued Wednesday, May 20, 2009 for Hauser and her son said they may be with Daya, also known as Susan Hamwi, a California attorney who accompanied the Hausers to a medical appointment just before they disappeared.

(AP Photo/The Journal Of New Ulm, Steve Muscatello)

NEW ULM, Minn. – Authorities in Minnesota say the search for a woman and her sick 13-year-old son remains focused in southern California and Mexico.

The Brown County sheriff's department said Sunday it is continuing to look for Daniel Hauser, who has Hodgkin's lymphoma, and his mother Colleen, who is refusing to allow chemotherapy treatment for her son.

They were expected in court Tuesday. But The FBI says they left their home in Sleepy Eye, Minn., that day for Los Angeles. Doctors say Daniel has a cancerous tumor growing in his chest that's likely to kill him without chemotherapy, but his family prefers natural healing methods.

The American Cancer Society estimates there are 35 to 50 clinics in Mexican border towns that attract cancer patients looking for alternative remedies. □



In this Tuesday, May 19, 2009 photo, Sri Lankan soldiers gather as the body of Tamil rebel leader Velupillai Prabhakaran is carried on a stretcher in Mullaitivu, Sri Lanka. Aid groups and the U.N. appealed to be allowed to survey the aftermath of the final battle of Sri Lanka's civil war and pushed for unfettered access to some 280,000 Tamils displaced from the former combat zone.

(AP Photo)

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# Mullen: Military to comply if gay ban law changes



This photo provided by ABC News shows Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Michael Mullen during his appearance on the ABC Television show 'This Week with George Stephanopoulos', Sunday, May 24, 2009, at the Newseum in Washington.

(AP Photo/ABC News, Lauren Victoria Burke)

WASHINGTON – President adviser said Sunday the Barack Obama's top military Pentagon has enough

challenges — including two wars — without rushing to overturn a decade-old policy that bans gays and lesbians from serving openly in the military and incites political and social factions on both sides.

Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he is working on an assessment of what — if any — impact overturning "don't ask, don't tell" policies would mean for the military and its culture. In the meantime, the Pentagon plans to follow the existing rules, which say gays and lesbians can serve in the military if they do not disclose their sexuality or engage in homosexual behavior.

"The president has made his strategic intent very clear, that it's his intent at some point in time to ask Congress to change this law," Mullen said. "I think it's important to also know that this is the law, this isn't a policy. And for the rules to change, a law has to be changed."

During his presidential campaign, Obama pledged to overturn the Clinton-era policy and promised that gays and

lesbians could serve openly in uniform. But he has made no specific move to do so since taking office in January.

He has not set a deadline for repeal, has given the Pentagon no direct orders and has kept Capitol Hill guessing about when he might ask for a change in the law.

Mullen said the military would not start on a timeline until Congress acts.

Obama's go-it-slow approach has drawn criticism from gay rights groups, including activists and fundraisers who met in Dallas to organize a grass-roots lobbying effort to force Obama's hand.

Last week, Obama spokesman Robert Gibbs stood at the White House podium and reiterated the president's eventual goal, although he said the administration was fine with Congress taking the lead on the potentially divisive subject.

"Try as one may, a president can't simply whisk away standing law of the United States of America," Gibbs said. "But if you're going to change the policy, if it is the law of the land, you have to do it through

an act of Congress." Gibbs' counterpart at the Pentagon issued a similar statement.

Obama's top advisers — in uniform and in politics — have urged restraint despite the issue's resonance among the president's left-flank base. They want Obama to move with a deliberate plan that accounts for all potential consequences during wartime.

Retired Marine Gen. James Jones, the White House's national security adviser, said this month he wasn't sure the policy would be overturned.

"We have a lot on our plate right now," he said.

There is concern that reopening the socially and politically divisive question of gays and lesbians in the ranks could place an additional burden on a military stretching to fight wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Buying time serves both the Pentagon's desire for caution and Obama's desire not to pick an unnecessary fight. Former President Bill Clinton never fully recovered from his missteps over the gays in the military issue. □

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## **Cops: NY man said he'd hit Rudy Giuliani, arrested**

BRIDGEHAMPTON, N.Y. — A harassment charge has been filed against a Long Island man who police say approached former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani (joo-lee-AH'-nee) and threatened to hit him. Authorities say John McCluskey repeatedly went up to the former Republican presidential candidate Saturday afternoon while he was walking in the tony beach town of Bridgehampton, a haven for the rich and famous on Long Island's eastern end where Madonna fell off a horse last month.

Southampton Town police say the 69-year-old Amagansett (am-uh-GAN'-set) resident was arrested on a second-degree harassment charge and was released on bail.

It's unclear whether McCluskey has a lawyer. A woman who answered the telephone at his home said she was renting the place for the summer and knew nothing about the case. □

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# Memorial Day roll call honors 148,000 veterans

By GILLIAN FLACCUS,  
Associated Press Writer

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Abts, Richard. Adamski, Walter. Ahlman, Enoch.

The names are whisked away by the hot, gusting wind as soon as they are spoken, forgotten in the stream of the next name and the next name and the next name.

Fuller, Addison. Fuller, Mary. Furlong, John.

The story of America could be told through these names, tales of bravery and hesitation, of dreams achieved or deferred and of battles won and lost.

Taken alone, they are just words, identities stripped of place and time, stripped of rank and deeds and meaning. But they are not taken alone. They are taken together — 148,000 names, representing the entire veteran population of Riverside National Cemetery,

a roll call of the dead read aloud over 10 days by more than 300 volunteers.

They read in pairs, rotating through 15-minute shifts in the beating sun, in the chilly desert night and in the pre-dawn hours thick with mosquitoes. Some time on Memorial Day, they will read the last name on the 2,465th page.

Some read for their country. Others read for a father lost in battle or a beloved son cut down in his prime.

And one man reads for no one in particular — except, maybe, for himself.

Richard Blackaby was just 18 and fresh out of high school in 1966 when he was drafted for Vietnam. His father had served as a Seabee in the U.S. Navy during World War II and Blackaby was desperate to follow in his path.

But the Army said no: Blackaby had epilepsy and asthma and was unfit for service.

Twelve years later, Blackaby — now married with three children — reapplied to the Army and was accepted to the 4th Infantry Division as a forward observer.

But Vietnam was over and the eager recruit spent the next six years waiting for a war that never came.

When he was honorably discharged in 1984, he was a sergeant but had never experienced combat, had never called in a real air strike or fired at a real target.

Nearly 25 years later, Blackaby's missed opportunity weighs on him as he patrols his self-selected battleground: Riverside, the nation's busiest national cemetery. While others gave their lives, Blackaby gives his time —



In this April 22, 2009 photo, Richard Blackaby stands at attention as a member of the honor guard carries the remains of a veteran during a interment ceremony at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif. Blackaby, an Army veteran, is among more than 300 volunteers who honor veterans buried in the cemetery by reading their names leading up to Memorial Day each year.

(AP Photo/Chris Carlson)

and a lot of it, nearly 30 hours a week.

Over the years, Blackaby has made his specialty here not among the remembered and the honored, but among the lost, the abandoned and the forgotten.

The work seems to fit his story of missed chances and dashed dreams, his yearning to belong to something greater than himself.

Every day, the 60-year-old grandfather with the crinkly, blue-gray eyes slips on the black leather vest that's his personal uniform and stands at attention as the cemetery honors the cremated remains of dozens of abandoned or forgotten veterans.

Every day, he salutes as the National Guard reads the names off the simple wooden boxes filled with ashes. □

## SWINE FLU

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Eighteen U.S. soldiers infected with swine flu have recovered after treatment on an American base in Kuwait and left the country, a Kuwaiti health official said Sunday.

"They were treated and they have fully recovered," said Youssef Mandakar, deputy head of Kuwait's public health department. He said the soldiers had shown "mild symptoms" of the disease upon their arrival at an Air Force base.

Kuwaiti authorities confirmed that the soldiers came from the United States but would not say where they had gone, adding that the troops had no contact with the local population and were treated at U.S. military facilities.

Ibrahim Abdul-Hadi, an undersecretary at the Health Ministry, said the U.S. military had examined and quarantined a number of soldiers who mixed with the infected ones.

Kuwait is a major ally of Washington and a logistics base for U.S. military personnel serving in Iraq.

Raad Mahmoud, a spokesman for the Iraqi Health Ministry, said precautions are being taken at airports and border entry points, but he said Iraqi authorities have no authority over U.S. troops and the foreigners who enter with them. He said the U.S. military has to administer medical tests to everybody when they enter the country and the military must present the reports to the ministry.

U.S. Army Maj. Jose Lopez, a military spokesman, said there were no reported cases of swine flu among American troops in Iraq. Poland's Chief Sanitary Inspectorate on Sunday confirmed the country's third case of swine flu in a 21-year-old who had just returned to Poland from the United States.

Jan Bondar, the spokesman for the state office, said the man returned on Friday and presented himself at a hospital for testing after getting a call from a friend in Washington whom he had spent time with and who had contracted the virus.

The Pole's condition is not serious, Bondar said. □

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Senate, said Sunday that he has been told a choice is likely to be announced this week. Those involved with Obama's decision hint that it could come as early as Tuesday.

Obama, who has interviewed at least two candidates for the position, has offered hints into what he wants in a justice.

"You have to have not only the intellect to be able to effectively apply the law to cases before you," Obama said in an interview carried Saturday on C-SPAN television. "But you have to be able to stand in somebody else's shoes and see through their eyes and get a sense of how the law might work or not work in practical day-to-day living."

Obama also has said he wants someone who employs empathy, "understanding and identifying with people's hopes and struggles," when arriving at decisions that could influence the nation for decades.

Sen. Jon Kyl made clear he would use the procedural delay if Obama follows through on his pledge to nominate someone who takes into account human suffering and employs empathy from the bench.

The Arizona Republican acknowledged that his party likely does not have enough votes to sustain a filibuster, but he said nonetheless he would try to delay or derail the nomination if Obama ventures outside what Kyl called the mainstream.

"We will distinguish between a liberal judge on one side and one who doesn't decide cases on the merits but, rather, on the basis of his or her preconceived ideas," Kyl said.

The White House is preparing to announce Obama's pick to replace Justice David Souter, who plans to retire back to his beloved New Hampshire when the court's term ends. Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Democrat in the

Senate, said Sunday that he has been told a choice is likely to be announced this week. Those involved with Obama's decision hint that it could come as early as Tuesday.

Under Senate rules, a single senator can mount a filibuster by objecting to consideration of a bill or nominee. It takes 60 votes to overcome a filibuster and move to a final vote. Democrats hold 59 votes in the 100-seat Senate with Sen. Arlen Specter's defection from the GOP and two Democratic-voting independents. One seat is open.

Obama's choice is expected to be confirmed, given the Democratic majority. But part of his political calculation is how smoothly the nominee will get through.

At a time when his agenda is packed with big domestic items and he needs help from both parties, Obama may not want to spend political capital on a more contentious choice.

Six people are known to be under consideration by Obama: U.S. Appeals Court judges Diane Wood and Sonia Sotomayor, Solicitor General Elena Kagan, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and California Supreme Court Justice Carlos Moreno.

The president has been pushed by Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., and others to name a woman to the court. Only one of the nine justices — Ruth Bader Ginsburg — is a woman.

"Frankly, if it were reversed, I would be saying, appoint a man. You just need that point of view," Boxer said. "But, of course, it has got to do be the best possible person and we think there are so many great qualified women out there."

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Portland Police search on a dock near the Sellwood Bridge Saturday, May 23, 2009, in Portland, Ore. Portland Police homicide detectives have launched an investigation after a 3-year-old boy and 7-year-old girl were found in the Willamette River. The boy was deceased, police say, and the girl was taken to a hospital. Police say officers were called to the Sellwood Bridge area around 1:20 a.m. Saturday after screams were reported.

(AP Photo/Rick Bowmer)

## Mother accused of drowning son, 4, in Oregon river

By MARY HUDETZ,  
Associated Press Writer

PORLAND, Ore. — An Oregon mother was arrested Saturday in the drowning of her 4-year-old son after the boy and his 7-year-old sister ended up in the chilly Willamette River.

Residents heard screams on the Sellwood Bridge near Portland and called authorities. Some jumped into boats to help search in the early morning darkness. After about an hour, a couple found the children downstream.

The boy, Eldon Jay Rebhan Smith, could not be revived; the girl was in a hospital and expected to survive.

"She's doing well," said Detective Sgt. Rich Austria of the Portland Police Bureau. "She has the will to live."

Austria said it was not immediately clear whether the children were pushed or fell into the river. They have not yet questioned the girl.

Police said the mother, Amanda Jo Stott-Smith, was taken into the custody at a downtown parking garage several hours after her children were found. Stott-Smith, 31, threatened to jump off the garage's ninth floor in before she was arrested, Austria said.

Stott-Smith faces aggravated murder and attempted aggravated murder charges, Austria said.

A police spokesman said he did not know if Stott-Smith had an attorney.

Police were asking the public to call investigators if they saw Stott-Smith's car, a blue Audi sedan, on the bridge when residents of the area heard the children's screams.

"Had they not been awake at one in the morning," Austria said, "we would investigating a case here with no children."

When police arrived, officers also heard screams on the river but couldn't find the children because it was dark, said Officer Greg Pashley, a Portland Police Bureau spokesman.

"As you look down into the darkness it's hard to see anything," Pashley said. "I can't imagine what it must be like to be a child in this cold river." □

## Final exec faces sentence in SC firm's \$275M bust

By JEFFREY COLLINS,

Associated Press Writer

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Donald McQuade skipped lobster dinners and long vacations for decades, pouring every dollar he saved into a little South Carolina company that made returns close to 10 percent by loaning to people who couldn't borrow anywhere else.

By the time he turned 75, McQuade was a millionaire. Then, on one horrible day back in the spring of 2003, he realized it was all gone.

On Tuesday, a judge will sentence the final executive convicted in the scheme — the \$275 million collapse of Carolina Investors and parent company HomeGold Financial Inc. Former HomeGold Chief Financial Officer Karen Miller faces up to five years in prison. She cooperated with authorities and pleaded guilty to conspiracy nearly four years ago. The other five executives have been sent to prison.

"She deserves it, too," McQuade said earlier this month. "They are all crooks who left me with nothing." Miller's lawyer, Ben Hagood, refused to talk about the case before sentencing.

The biggest bankruptcy in state history left McQuade, now 82, eligible for food stamps. He didn't have the money to bury his wife, Imogene, when she died a couple of years later. He scraped together \$700 for a cremation. The plastic bag with her remains, kept closed with a white twist tie, remains in the same plain black case. He usually tucks it into the nightstand by his bed in his daughter's home.

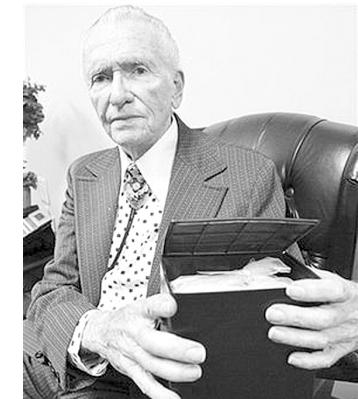
There are thousands like McQuade sprinkled across northern South Carolina, where mill employees, Clemson University professors and small businessmen sunk their life savings and retirement money

into Carolina Investors. In all, 8,000 individuals and groups invested with the company.

The losses are dwarfed by the \$2.4 billion swindled by Wall Street financier Bernard Madoff, but some of the same tactics were used. Like Madoff's investors, a number of those fleeced in South Carolina knew the people taking their money. McQuade, for instance, became good friends with company executives.

Carolina Investors cranked out returns of 8.5 percent in the good years, when officials made sure people getting loans had enough collateral. But by the late 1990s, the company was taken over by HomeGold, which used the money to make high-risk mortgage loans to people who didn't have the collateral to pay for them. It wasn't long before the operation came tumbling down, evaporating college funds and thrusting retirees into poverty. The prison sentences for the executives ranged from 90 days for former Carolina Investors Vice President Anne Owen to 20 years for ex-HomeGold CEO Ronald Sheppard. HomeGold Chairman Jack Sterling is out on bond appealing his five-year prison sentence.

Miller pleaded guilty to



In this photo taken Wednesday, May 13, 2009, Donald McQuade poses with the ashes of his wife, Imogene, in Greenville, S.C. McQuade lost his life savings when Carolina Investors collapsed.

(AP Photo/Mary Ann Chastain)

conspiracy in September 2005. Prosecutors don't plan to give a sentencing recommendation to Circuit Judge Edward Cottingham. There is no minimum sentence, but when he sentenced Sterling, Cottingham said investors deserve to know anyone convicted will spend time behind bars. That sounds good to Gene Gregory. The 75-year-old restaurant owner from Union lost his entire \$1.4 million savings in the collapse, just months before retirement. He still works almost every day. □

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# Sikh rivals fight at temple in Austria; 16 injured

By VERONIKA OLEKYSN,  
Associated Press Writer

VIENNA — Sikhs wielding knives and a handgun attacked two preachers at a rival temple in Vienna on Sunday in a brawl that left at least 16 people wounded, police and witnesses said. A related clash later broke out in northern India.

Witnesses said a group of bearded and turbanned men attacked the religious leaders at the temple in Austria's capital and their followers moved to defend them.

The preachers were among the six people who suffered serious wounds and were identified by Indian diplomats and police as Nirajnan Das and Sant Rama Anand. Police said both were out of danger after undergoing operations for gunshot wounds.

Police spokesman Michael

Takacs said the scene was "like a battlefield." Six suspects were in custody with more arrests possible, he said. Mohinder Ram, a worshipper who said he had attended services at the temple for decades, said it is run by followers of Shri Guru Ravidas, a 14th-century founder of a Sikh sect called Dera Sach Khand.

In India, fighting between mainstream Sikhs and followers of the guru broke out in the northern city of Jalandhar several hours after the Vienna clash, in what locals there described as an apparent reaction to the melee in the Austrian capital. Sanjiv Kalra, a senior police official at Jalandhar, said that protesters had set fire to a number of vehicles and erected several roadblocks across the city. He gave no other details.

Witnesses in Vienna spoke of chaos.

"Everybody was praying and then it started with knives and a pistol," said Nermal Singh, bare-footed, his shirt bloodied and his head bandaged from what he said was a knife wound.

Ram, 72, said, "I heard four to five shots" in the temple. "People started screaming, children were crying as they ran out.

"It was like war. There was lots of blood everywhere." Witness Mohinder Ram also spoke of "blood everywhere," adding: "People were hit and stabbed with knives."

Bimla Laka, who lives in a ground-floor apartment just opposite the building housing the temple, said she saw seven or eight men with lengthy beards and dark blue and orange turbans fleeing the



A policeman stands in front of a house in Vienna's Rudolfsheim district, housing an Indian temple, following a shooting Sunday May 24, 2009, inside the building. Police in Austria say up to 30 people have been wounded, nine severely, in a shooting at the Indian temple. Police spokesman Michael Takacs told Austria Press Agency five men entered a place of worship for an Indian religious community early afternoon Sunday and started firing at those present. Police arrested all five suspects, Takacs said.

(AP Photo/Ronald Zak)

building.

It was not clear whether some of the weapons used were kirpans, the ceremonial daggers carried by Sikhs. Police said kirpans may legally be worn by Sikhs in Austria. Takacs, the police spokesman, said of the six people in

serious condition, four were "definitely perpetrators." The most serious wounds were caused by gunshots to the abdomen and head.

The possibility that not only the attackers but also some of the worshippers were armed was being investigated, said Takacs. He also said reports that temple leaders had asked in vain for police protection after telephone threats last week were being looked into. Bernhard Segal of Vienna medical services said that one of the more seriously wounded had to be resuscitated several times at the scene. He described those hurt as of Indian origin and between 30 and 50 years old.

Witnesses said the perpetrators were fundamentalist Sikhs from a higher caste, who accused one or both of the preachers of being disrespectful of the Holy Book.

Ram said about 400 people were at the service when the fight broke out in the temple, in a residential building of the working-class Viennese neighborhood. Police put the number at between 150 and 300.

Four ambulances and three medical helicopters transported the victims to hospitals.

The temple is situated in Vienna-Rudolfsheim, the capital's 15th district near Westbahnhof, one of Vienna's main train stations. Police cordoned off the area. □

## Defeated Tamil Tiger rebels confirm leader's death

By ARTHUR MAX,  
Associated Press Writer

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — The defeated Tamil Tiger rebels confirmed Sunday that their supreme leader was killed in the group's final battle against Sri Lankan troops.

The almost mythic commander, Velupillai Prabhakaran, led a terror-driven Tamil insurrection in Sri Lanka for more than a quarter century. Last week the government declared it finally killed Prabhakaran and proclaimed victory against his Tamil Tigers, crushing the rebellion that the U.N. estimates cost between 80,000 to 100,000 lives.

But many Tamils didn't believe it.

For some die-hard followers, especially those living abroad, it hardly matters whether the legendary guerrilla is alive or dead, as long as there is a continuing story line of an independent Tamil state in part of this Sinhalese-dominated island. Meanwhile, the government said it believes Prabhakaran's deputy and feared intelligence chief was also among the dead but his body has not been identified.

Sri Lanka's Defense Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapaksa said in an interview with privately owned Derana TV on Sunday that soldiers have still not been able to identify the body of Pottu Amman, who along with Prabhakaran were wanted by India for the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

"There is no doubt that he's been killed," he said

The military earlier claimed to have identified the body of the spy chief. Rajapaksa did not explain the contradiction.

Gandhi was assassinated in 1991 by a female suicide bomber at an election rally.

Prabhakaran, who was 54, was a larger-than-life character who championed the dreams of the Sri Lanka's minority Tamils. He was seldom seen in public, yet his word was unquestioned. He governed by fiat over a de facto state in one-third of this Indian Ocean island.

Even many Tamils who abhorred the Tigers' suicide bombings and assassinations embraced him as their hope for dignity and equal rights in Sri Lanka. Bloggers compared Prabhakaran to the Hidden Imam, who was born in the 9th century but who Shi'ite Muslims believe never died. Believers say the Hidden Imam will return one day to bring peace and justice to the world.

The Sri Lankan army says Prabhakaran was among the last to die in the civil war's final battle on Tuesday. His body was found in a thicket of mangroves along a shallow lagoon on the desolate northeastern coast.

Photographs of the familiar mustachioed face, a handkerchief covering the fatal head wound, were splashed on the front

pages of Sri Lanka's national papers on Wednesday. Unpublished pictures show a sickle-shaped gash through the bone of his forehead. His dog tags — number 001 — and ID card were put on display for the cameras.

Selvarasa Pathmanathan, the rebels' international spokesman, confirmed in a statement Sunday that Prabhakaran "attained martyrdom fighting the military oppression of the Sri Lankan government." He died on May 17 in a bloody battle on the island's northeast coast.

Pathmanathan said the group had declared a week of mourning starting Monday for Prabhakaran and urged the Tamil people to "restrain from harmful acts to themselves or anyone else in this hour of extreme grief."

Army commander Gen. Sarath Fonseka said in an interview published Sunday that Prabhakaran's remains were quickly cremated. "His body was burnt in that area and the ashes were sent to the sea," he told the Sinhalese-language Rivira newspaper.

Before Sunday's announcement by the Tigers, many questioned the veracity of the military's claims about his death.

Kanagalingam Sivajilingam, an ethnic Tamil lawmaker, said the government's behavior was suspicious, and he doubted the corpse shown in the photographs and in television footage was indeed that of the founder and leader of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. □

# Darfur rebels seize town from Sudan troops: UN

by Guillaume Lavallee

KHARTOUM (AFP) – Darfur rebels on Sunday seized the town of Umm Baru near the border with neighbouring Chad from Sudanese soldiers, the hybrid UN-African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) said.

“The fighting is over, Umm Baru has fallen. The garrison has fallen,” UNAMID spokesman Kemal Saiki told AFP, referring to the Sudanese military presence in the town 100 kilometres (60 miles) east of the frontier.

Earlier he said the fighting had forced 200 civilians to flee and seek refuge around the peacekeepers’ base at Umm Baru after the clashes erupted at 1300 GMT.

Saiki was unable to say how many rebels or soldiers were involved in the fighting, or to give figures for casualties.

“We presume that it’s the

JEM because of recent clashes in this sector,” he said of the Justice and Equality Movement, the most active Darfur rebel grouping. He added that the rebels “did nothing against our troops” in Umm Baru.

Sudanese army spokesman Othman al-Aghbash insisted government forces still controlled Umm Baru, saying: “JEM supported by Chadian troops attacked our positions three times today but we defeated them back.

“They suffered heavy losses” of people and equipment, he added.

The town in Sudan’s North Darfur province has been the scene of clashes over the past two weeks between JEM fighters and pro-government forces.

JEM rebels had already seized control of the town of Kornoy 50 kilometres from the Chad

border and captured several Sudanese army officers and soldiers there.

“For a week the Sudanese army has been bombarding us daily at Kornoy,” JEM spokesman Ahmed Hussein Adam told AFP on Sunday.

He was unable to confirm that his group had attacked Umm Baru, however.

He said the rebel group was on the point of releasing 50 Sudanese soldiers captured recently by the JEM.

“It’s a good gesture” under the Doha accord, he said of the deal the group signed with the Khartoum government in February aimed at holding peace talks.

A new round of JEM-Khartoum talks is due to get under way in Doha on Wednesday.

Ahmad bin Abdullah al-Mahmud, Qatar’s minister of state for foreign affairs, on Sunday met Sudanese President Omar al-Beshir in Khartoum ahead of the meeting.

The official SUNA news agency said Mahmud was also expected to visit Ndjamenya for talks with Chadian President Idriss Deby Itno, amid tense relations with Sudan.



A Sudanese fighter of the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) stands guard at an unknown location on the Sudan-Chad border in northwest Darfur, in 2007. A key Darfur rebel group on Sunday seized the town of Umm Baru near Sudan’s border with neighbouring Chad, the spokesman for the hybrid UN-African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) said.

(AFP/AMIS/File/Stuart Price)

Chad accused Sudan of backing a recent offensive by Chadian rebels on its territory, and Khartoum accuses Ndjamenya of supporting the JEM rebels. The United Nations says up to 300,000 people have died in Darfur from the combined effects of war, famine and disease and about 2.7 million fled their homes. Sudan puts the death toll at 10,000. Meanwhile US special envoy Scott Gration is due to visit China, Qatar, Britain and France over the next week to revive efforts to bring peace to Darfur, a State Department official said in Washington on Friday. The United States sees China as a key to ending the six-year war because it is a government ally, military supplier and importer of Sudanese oil. Although Gration has visited Sudan since his appointment by President Barack Obama on March 18, he will not do so on this trip, the official said.

## Canadian sentenced in bomb plot case: reports

TORONTO (Reuters) – A Toronto-area man convicted of belonging to a group plotting al Qaeda-inspired attacks on Canadian landmarks has been sentenced to 2-1/2 years in jail, the first sentence handed out in the so-called “Toronto 18” case, Canadian media reported on Friday.

The 21-year-old, who cannot be named as he was tried under youth justice laws, has already spent two years in custody and will likely be released on Friday due to credit for time already served, the Globe and Mail newspaper and the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported.

One of 18 men and youths charged following a 2006 police sting, he was found guilty in an Ontario court last year of knowingly participating in a terrorist group.

Since the arrests, charges have been dropped against seven people, while one man pleaded guilty earlier this month to playing a role in the plot.

Police have alleged the group intended to bomb major landmarks including Toronto’s CN Tower, the Toronto Stock Exchange and the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa.

The case initially drew huge media attention as a test of anti-terrorism laws introduced in 2001, and as a lightning rod for criticism that Canada may be a breeding ground for terror cells that could pose a threat to the United States. □

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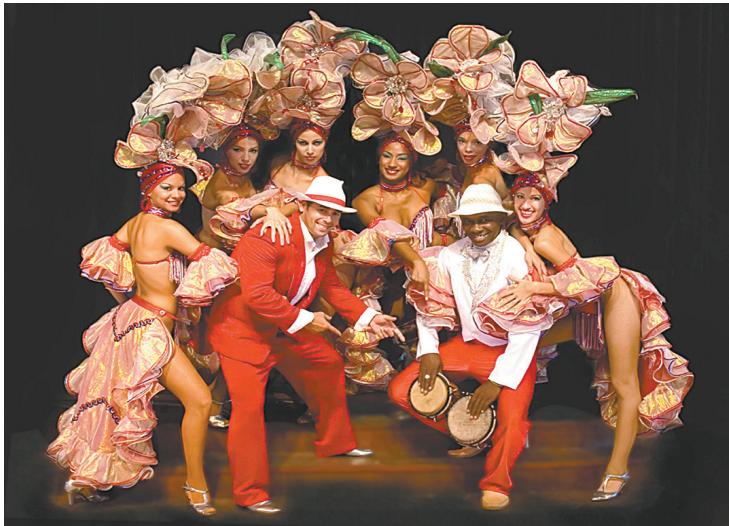
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## Aruba TODAY



Pole-sitter Helio Castroneves, of Brazil, waves as he is introduced before the 93rd running of the Indianapolis 500 auto race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Sunday, May 24, 2009.

(AP Photo/Seth Rossman)

## What a month: Castroneves wins his third Indy 500

By PAUL NEWBERRY,  
AP National Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Helio Castroneves capped a perfect month of May with the biggest win of all, pulling away to capture his third Indianapolis 500 just 5 1/2 weeks after being acquitted of tax evasion charges.

Castroneves, who hopped back in his Team Penske race car as soon as he was cleared of charges that could have sent him to prison for six years, became just the ninth driver to win the historic race three times — and he's only one win away from joining the most elite group of all: four-time winners A.J. Foyt, Al Unser and Rick Mears.

The 34-year-old Brazilian pulled away over the final laps to beat Dan Wheldon and Danica Patrick, who eclipsed her historic fourth-place finish as a rookie in 2005 by crossing the strip of bricks in third.

This day belonged to Castroneves, who pumped his fist all the way down the final straightaway.

"I want to climb the fence," said the driver known as "Spiderman," referring to his signature celebration.

Then he did just that, hopping out of his car after the victory lap and scaling the fence along the main grandstand with his pit crew.

"This is incredible," said Castroneves, who was sobbing as he got the trademark bottle of milk.

Roger Penske earned his record 15th Indy win as a car owner. When he leaned in to hug Castroneves in Victory Lane, the tearful driver said, "Thanks for giving my life back."

Castroneves also claimed the pole and won the pit-stop competition before completing his Indy sweep on race day. Actually, he picked up another victory, as well, learning Friday just before he went out for the final practice that the government had dropped the only remaining tax charge against him. The jury couldn't reach a verdict on one count.

"This is the best month of May ever," Castroneves said. □

## Braves sweep slumping Blue Jays 10-2

By CHARLES ODUM,  
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Brian McCann homered twice, pinch-hitter Chipper Jones drove in the go-ahead run with a bases-loaded single in the seventh inning and the Atlanta Braves beat the Toronto Blue Jays 10-2 Sunday to cap a three-game sweep.

The sweep was the Braves' first in eight series with Toronto.

Toronto, which began its nine-game road trip with three straight losses at Boston, has been swept in back-to-back road series for the first time since May 2007 at Cleveland and Texas.

The Blue Jays' six-game losing streak is their longest since dropping seven straight last June.

McCann drove in four runs and Kelly Johnson hit a homer and drove in three runs for Atlanta. The Braves scored seven times in the seventh to break away from a 2-2 tie.

Jeff Bennett (2-1), Atlanta's third of five relievers, recorded one out in the seventh.

Shawn Camp (0-2) gave up the first three runs in the seventh. Left-handed batters were 1-for-22 against Toronto right-hander Jason Frasor this season before he gave up three hits to lefties in the seventh, driving in six runs.

Jones missed the first two games of the series after hurting his right big toe on Thursday night. He didn't start on Sunday but made good on his first pinch-hit appearance of the season.

Jones greeted Frasor with an RBI single off first baseman Lyle Overbay's glove for a 3-2 lead. Johnson followed with a two-run double, Garret Anderson had a sacrifice fly and McCann added a three-run homer off Frasor to cap the seven-run inning.

Johnson and McCann hit first-inning home runs off Scott Richmond.

The Blue Jays pulled even



Atlanta Braves starter Jair Jurrjens delivers to the Toronto Blue Jays during the first inning of a baseball game on Sunday, May 24, 2009, at Turner Field in Atlanta.

(AP Photo/Gregory Smith)

with runs in the fourth and sixth innings off Jair Jurrjens, who gave up eight hits and two runs in six innings.

Vernon Wells created a run for Toronto in the fourth. He led off with a single, stole second on Adam Lind's strikeout, stole third and scored on Jose Bautista's groundout.

Wells led off the fifth with a double and scored on Overbay's one-out single, making it 2-all.

The Blue Jays loaded the bases in the seventh off reliever

Peter Moylan. Reliever Eric O'Flaherty struck out Lind, and Bennett retired Bautista on a fly ball.

Notes: Braves SS Yunel Escobar (right hip flexor) did not play. Diory Hernandez, playing in place of Escobar, singled in the seventh for his first major league hit. ... The Braves also hit two homers in the same inning on April 5 at Philadelphia. ... Johnson's homer was his second in two games and his fifth career leadoff homer. □



# Syracuse, Cornell reach NCAA lacrosse final

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — title.

Defending champion Syracuse is back in the NCAA lacrosse title game.

The second-seeded Orange defeated third-seeded Duke 17-7 in a Division I semifinal Saturday. Syracuse (15-2) is seeking its 11th national title and will play in Monday's final against Cornell. Fifth-seeded Cornell stunned top-seeded Virginia 15-6. Cornell won the first NCAA Division I title in 1971 and followed it up with wins in 1976 and 1977. Syracuse beat Cornell 15-10 earlier this season and the teams met for the NCAA title in 1988, with the Orange winning 13-8.

"I hope we can prepare ourselves for that next juggernaut in Syracuse," Cornell coach Jeff Tambroni said.

Kenny Nims and Patrick Perritt each had four goals for Syracuse on Saturday.

Cody Jamieson added two goals, giving him six for the tournament, and freshman Tim Desko also had two. Nine players scored for Syracuse.

"I'm very happy with how we played today," Syracuse coach John Desko said. "We got some saves from our goaltender, especially early, so that was a very good defensive effort. And offensively we were able to score in settled and unsettled situations."

Max Quinzani and Zach Howell had three goals apiece for the Blue Devils (15-4), who have never won an NCAA

This was the fifth time Syracuse has beaten Duke in six meetings. The Orange are 3-0 against the Blue Devils in NCAA play.

Chris Daniello and Joel White scored unassisted to make it 2-0 for Syracuse in the first quarter. Duke responded with two goals from Howell, both on passes from Ned Crotty, to tie it. But Perritt sent a shot by Duke goalie Rob Schroeder on the short side and Nims beat Schroeder unassisted with a second left in the first quarter to make it 4-2.

Syracuse goalie John Galloway, who missed the quarterfinal win over Maryland because of illness, made big saves in the second quarter. Perritt scored twice as Syracuse extended its lead to 8-4 at the half.

"Coach said during the week just try to place the ball, shoot it overhand and put it to the far corners and that's what I tried to do and it worked," Perritt said.

Jake Moulton scored his second goal of the season 7 seconds into the third quarter with a quick rush after the faceoff. Howell's third goal brought Duke within 9-5, but Perritt fired a cross-field pass to Dan Hardy, who made it 10-5.

Quinzani's 45th goal of the year closed it to 10-6 midway through third quarter, but Nims scored twice and Stephen Keogh and Perritt added goals to stretch the lead to 14-6 after three quarters.

"They made some tremendous looks and plays," Duke coach John Danowski said. "If we left someone open, the ball was in his stick and out quickly."

Virginia had beaten Cornell 14-10 in March, but the Big Red, led by Rob Pannell's three goals and three assists, Ryan Hurley's three goals and an assist, and Chris Finn's three goals, paced the win Saturday.

Cornell jumped on Virginia early, with Finn scoring off a nifty pass from Hurley. Cornell's Jonathan Thompson scooped up a loose ball in front of the goal and fired it past Virginia goalie Adam Ghitelman for a 2-0 lead. Hurley's 42nd goal of the season with a man advantage made it 3-0 just five minutes into the game.

"We are thrilled and proud of the effort of our guys," Tambroni said.

"They really dug in during a game where we knew we wouldn't have a lot of believers out there. We knew we needed to believe first and play hard second."

Danny Glading opened the scoring for Virginia with an unassisted goal but Pannell's first goal made it 4-1. The Big Red stretched it to 6-1 when Rocco Romero scored the first of his two goals and then found Hurley with a pass on the doorstep of the goal.

In a stretch spanning the first and second quarters, Cornell held the Cavaliers, who averaged more than 13 goals



Cornell's Max Seibald, right, celebrates his goal with teammate Rob Pannell (3) as Virginia's Chris Clements (32) looks away in the fourth quarter of an NCAA Division 1 men's lacrosse semifinal game in Foxborough, Mass. Cornell won 15-6.

(AP Photo/Michael Dwyer)

a game this year, scoreless for 17 minutes.

"Cornell did a really good job on the 50-50 ground balls after faceoffs so we didn't see the ball very often on offense because they were being so patient with their offense,"

Glading said.

Shamel Bratton broke the drought for Virginia in the second quarter, but Pannell's second goal of the game and Finn's second from Pannell boosted the Cornell lead to 8-2 at the half. □



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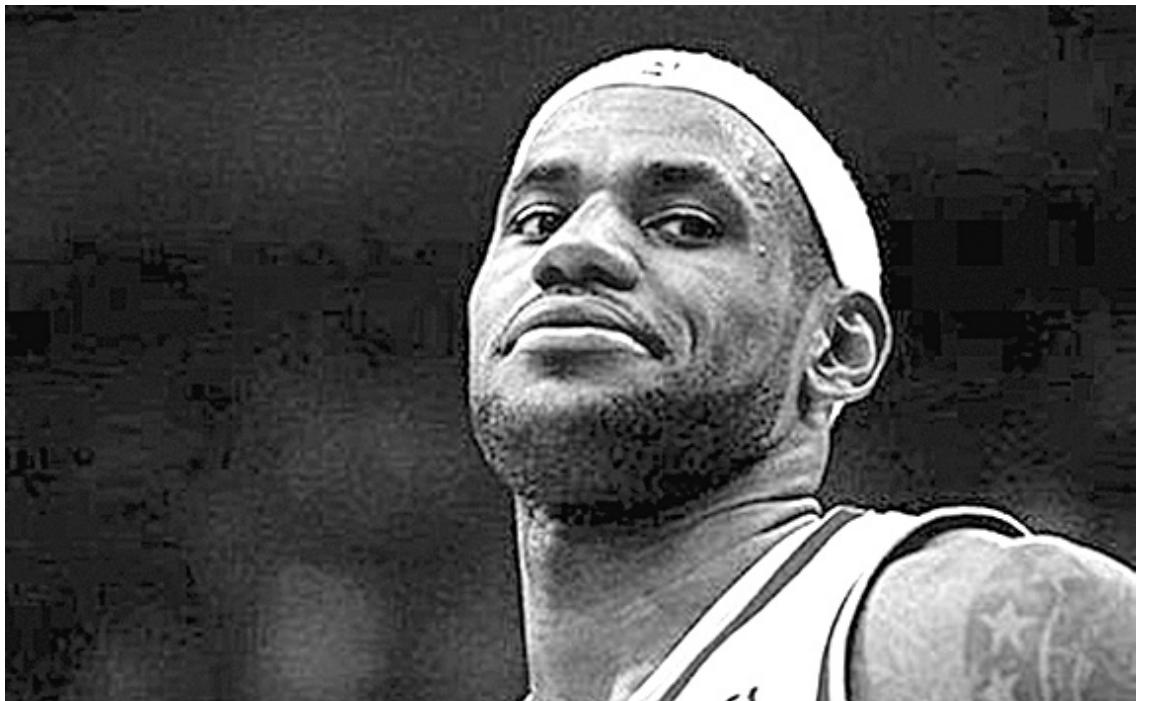
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# China investors make deal for stake in NBA Cavaliers



LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers looks on during Game Two of the Eastern Conference Finals against the Orlando Magic during the 2009 Playoffs at Quicken Loans Arena on May 22, 2009 in Cleveland, Ohio. Cleveland Cavaliers majority owner Dan Gilbert has signed an agreement to sell a minority stake in the National Basketball Association team and its arena to a group of Chinese investors.

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CLEVELAND, Ohio (AFP) – Cleveland Cavaliers majority owner Dan Gilbert has signed an agreement to sell a minority stake in the National Basketball Association team and its arena to a group of Chinese investors.

A Chinese group led by Huang JianHua, a Chinese businessman known as Ken Huang who has a reputation for linking US and Chinese companies, is in position to obtain up to 15 percent of the Cavaliers.

The deal must still be approved by league owners but Len Komoroski, the Cavaliers' team president, said Sunday the team was approached by the Chinese group and called the venture "an exciting new opportunity."

The deal could supply enough funding to ensure the Cavaliers can keep superstar LeBron James, the NBA Most Valuable Player who could become a free agent in 2010, and build a top team around him.

Huang and other investors attended Cavaliers' Eastern Conference playoff games in Cleveland this past week, watching James sink a dramatic 3-point shot at the buzzer to even the best-of-seven series with Orlando at one win each.

While James has praised his hometown area and said he would like to stay in

Cleveland, the New York Knicks and several other teams were expected to make attempts to lure him away with rich deals.

The NBA has made many deals in China, the homeland of Houston Rockets star center Yao Ming and a place where the league has a passionate fan base, and tight Chinese links to James and the Cavaliers would be likely under the deal.

"You have to think globally," James said recently of his business interests.

"I have a lot of fans in China, and they're important to me."

James has made four trips to China, including with the US gold medal basketball team last year and with the Cavaliers for 2007 pre-season games, and could be in a position to pass Kobe Bryant as China's favorite US NBA star.

Huang, a Guangzhou native who went to college in New York and is a partner in SportsCorp China, has worked deals with Chinese sponsors with the Rockets, USA Basketball and baseball's New York Yankees.

Gilbert brought the Cavaliers and the arena for 375 million dollars in 2005 and will spend more than 100 million dollars in salary this season, part of the reason the club is thought to be losing money despite its great success. □

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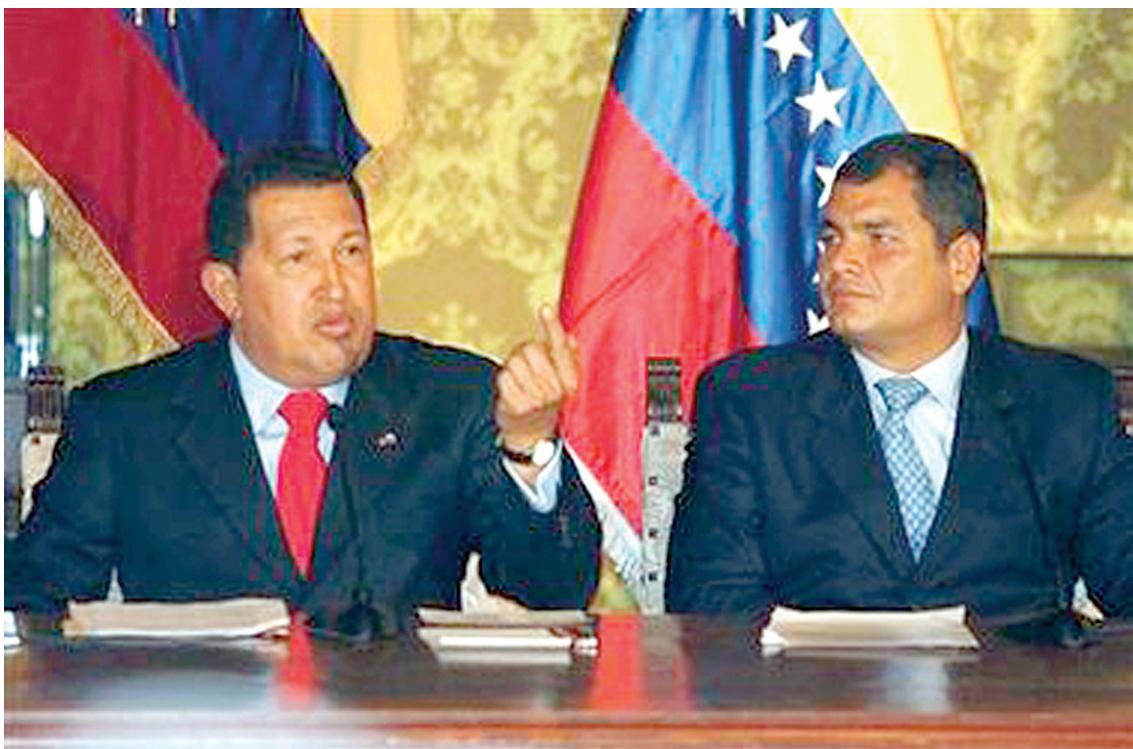
QUITO (Reuters) - El presidente de Ecuador, Rafael Correa, dijo el sábado que sectores claves de la economía, entre ellos el petróleo y la minería, deben estar en las manos del Estado.

En sus dos primeros años en el cargo, Correa ha adoptado una dura postura con las compañías mineras y petroleras, presionando por nuevos contratos más favorables para el Estado, pero hasta ahora ha evitado nacionalizar a cualquier firma. "Se va a hacer cumplir que los sectores estratégicos estén en manos del Estado", dijo Correa. El economista educado en Estados Unidos ha dicho recientemente que no nacionalizará a las empresas extranjeras, pero que presionará por un mayor control estatal en sectores claves de la industria a través de nuevos contratos.

Durante una conferencia de prensa conjunta con su homólogo ecuatoriano, el presidente de Venezuela, Hugo Chávez, dijo que continuaría con su campaña por nacionalizar sectores estratégicos de la economía de su país.

Muchos sectores de la economía de Venezuela, incluidos los de energía y telecomunicaciones, han pasado a manos del Estado desde que Chávez asumió el poder hace 10 años. En las últimas semanas, el mandatario ha nacionalizado a compañías de servicio de petróleo y productores de acero.

Chávez también dijo que Venezuela y Brasil están planificando crear un fondo conjunto por un valor de miles de millones de dólares. "Uno de los temas que estamos discutiendo es la creación también de un



El presidente venezolano Hugo Chávez y su par ecuatoriano Rafael Correa asisten a una conferencia de prensa en Quito, 23 mayo 2009. REUTERS/Guillermo Granja (ECUADOR POLITICS)

fondo estratégico binacional (...) de miles de millones de dólares", declaró Chávez, agregando que el fondo tendrá dinero proveniente del Banco de Desarrollo de

Brasil, BNDES.

El mandatario venezolano afirmó que se reunirá con el presidente brasileño, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva la próxima semana.

Anteriormente, Chávez dijo que su país y Ecuador habían firmado un acuerdo por un fondo conjunto para invertir en proyectos energéticos. □

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